

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1023

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Reverend L. A. Kennedy for his many years of loyal service as pastor of the New Community Baptist Church in Houston and his 45 years of service in the ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Kennedy became pastor of the New Community Baptist Church in 1973, and under his guidance, his congregation has grown from approximately 35 members to 700 members; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Pastor Kennedy's leadership, New Community Baptist Church has completed a new sanctuary with classrooms, offices, a conference room, and many other features, and the church has provided enlightenment, hope, and support to the Houston community; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of profound commitment and spiritual depth, Pastor Kennedy challenges the church to step across barriers to make a difference and help change the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Kennedy has generously devoted his time and energy to the members of his church; he has performed countless ceremonies for his church members and has been a source of strength to them in times of hardship and bereavement; and

**WHEREAS**, A dynamic force in the Houston community, Pastor Kennedy is currently the vice president of the Northside Ministers Conference and a member of the Ministers Against Crime, a crime prevention unit of the Houston Police Department; in appreciation of his leadership and vision, his congregation is hosting a black tie gala in his honor; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby join the members of the New Community Baptist Church in commending Reverend L. A. Kennedy for his steadfast service to his church and his community; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate